

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of February 29th — March 4th



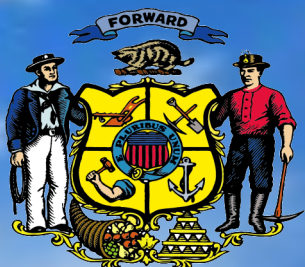
COMMUNITY ALERT

Homebuyer Orientation
SessionLearn About \$20,000 in
forgivable home loansMarch 18, 2015
6:00pm — 7:30pmWashington Park Library
2121 N. Sherman BlvdFor more info, call:
(414) 286-5610

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always,
I'm Here to
Serve



ASSEMBLY CLEARS PATH FOR RIGHT TO WORK



Today, after a marathon 24-hour floor debate, the Republican controlled Wisconsin Assembly cleared a path for Right-To-Work legislation straight to the Governor's desk. Governor Walker has said that he would sign the bill on Monday, March 9th. As more than 3,000 labor supporters, who protested at the Capitol the last two weeks have believed, this bill is an attack on worker's rights. Many said

that this was a follow-up to the public-union busting achieved through ACT, with private unions now the target. Union members visited my office during this debate and expressed their disbelief at the speed at which this measure was pushed through and were outraged at the unwillingness of Republican legislators to even allow a grace period for implementation. Once signed, the bill will immediately become law.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE & "TAKE ROOT" HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR

In an effort to help reduce the number of foreclosed houses that the city has on its rolls, and assist those who are interested in becoming homeowners, a great opportunity is happening this weekend. The City of Milwaukee & Take Root Milwaukee, plus many other neighborhood organizations, lenders, realtors and homeownership consultants will be available to answer



all your questions and get you started on the path to owning your own home. This FREE fair features information booths, home tour sign-ups, home buying and home rehab workshops, incentive offers & more! The fair will take place this Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The event is hosted by Milwaukee City Development. Please come and tell a friend!



**Happy Birthday
Dr. Seuss
at
Villard Square**

**March 9, 2015
5:30pm**

FREE

**Villard Square Library
5190 N 35th St,
Milwaukee, WI**

***Bring the family for
fun activities!***

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**We Enjoy Hearing
From You!**



2015-17 STATE BUDGET AT A GLANCE

As a member of the Joint Committee on Finance, this past week I, along with 15 other members of the committee, heard from 12 state departments heads regarding specific provisions of their proposals. Here are budget items that you may be unfamiliar with: **Education**—Proposes to reduce state support for education and force local public schools to

reduce per pupil spending by an average of \$150 in the 2015-16 school year. **Higher Education**— Fails to fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill which provides veterans and active duty members of the armed services with an education at UW and Technical College schools. **Environment**— Shifts away from research-based conservation policies by eliminating 66 science and education positions at the Department of Natural Resources and eliminates public funding for the state park system. **Health Care**—Makes dramatic changes to Wisconsin's long-term care programs leaving the elderly, individuals with disabilities and their families uncertain about future care options. **Local Government**— Creates a new county-based property assessment system. **Taxes**— Reduces funding for the Veterans and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit by \$1.14 million. **Transportation** — Eliminates state funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects and deletes the program that ensures bike and pedestrian accommodations are included in new construction projects. If any of these proposals are of concern, I encourage you to contact my office. I am certainly interested in how the decisions that the administration is making will impact you and your family. This form of "Cut and Borrow" governance is detrimental to Wisconsin values, businesses, and most importantly, the residents we serve.



Wise Words of the Week!

Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value."

~Joe Biden, United States Vice President